

Dates to Remember

- FORVM Executive Board Meeting, September 28, Annapolis.
- Maryland Forest Association Annual Conference, Oct. 18-19, Hagerstown
- FORVM Infrastructure Sewer Subcommittee Meeting, Oct. 25, Rocky Gap
- FORVM Housing Working Committee, Oct. 25, Rocky Gap.
- FORVM Annual Meeting, Oct. 25, Rocky Gap

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**4th Annual
2001 Maryland
Rural Summit
October 25-26, 2001
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The 2001 Maryland Rural Summit: Don't Miss It!

You don't have much time left to register for the 2001 Maryland Rural Summit and Rural Awards Dinner. Still not sure if you want to come? See inside for the final agenda of activities and list of presenters. Download the registration forms from our website at www.ruralforvm.state.md.us (or call 410-767-4779 or 6531 and we'll fax or mail you one). Then join us in Rocky Gap for two days of important rural development activity -- and a little fun!

Beat the late deadlines & register now

Registration fees includes Thursday's Reception & Rural Awards Banquet, Friday's Breakfast, all breaks and entrance to all Summit Workshops.

\$95 - Postmarked by Sept. 21, 2001; \$85 for FORVM Members
\$115 - Late Registration. Postmarked after Sept. 21, 2001

Fees do **not** include overnight accommodations at Rocky Gap; however a block of rooms has been reserved for the Summit at a reduced nightly rate of \$120.00. Contact Rocky Gap Lodge directly at 1-800-724-0828.

Exhibit space is closed!

Thank you to all who have inquired about exhibit space.
(We continue to welcome your sponsorship requests.)

Thank you to our major sponsors!

The Annual Rural Summit is hosted by The FORVM, the Maryland Rural Health Association and the DHMH Office of Primary Care and Rural Health. We thank our major sponsors for helping to make this Summit possible.

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Only at the Summit

The Maryland Rural Summit is the only time of the year when rural leaders in government, non-profit organizations, for-profit companies and academia meet to discuss the issues that affect rural communities. This year, there will also be a few other "only at the Summit" activities. Take a look!

Town Hall Meeting & Legislative Forum

*Thursday, October 25,
4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

House of Delegates Speaker Casper R. Taylor Jr. returns to the Summit by popular demand to moderate a Town Hall meeting in which he will discuss his legislative priorities for the upcoming session and open the floor to questions from Summit participants. Past Summit evaluations rank this Town Hall Meeting, which has been held the past two years, as one of the highlights of the event. Other rural legislators are expected to attend and be available for questions as well.

E-readiness in Rural MD

*Friday, October 26
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.*

Few things will affect Rural Maryland's ability to compete and improve its quality of life than its ability to access the high-speed information highway. The Maryland Technology Development Corporation is currently accessing the state's e-readiness. Come to this session and hear just how ready Rural Maryland is.

Making Sense of the Census & the Impact of Poverty

*Friday, October 26
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.*

Come to this plenary session and hear Mark Lettre of the Maryland Department of Planning translate what the 2000 Census means, while Dr. Bonnie Braun of the University of Maryland will share her research on the effects poverty has on rural life in Maryland.

Introducing the Office of Smart Growth

*Thursday, October 25
3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.*

Special Secretary Harriett Tregoning, formerly secretary of the Department of Planning, will be on hand to explain the services this new office provides and how Smart Growth initiatives affect rural communities. Few issues are more important to long-term planning and sustainable rural communities than Smart Growth and we urge you to attend this important session.

State Task Forces Update

*Thursday, October 25
2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.*

Several task forces have been formed in the last two years to study issues important to rural communities and develop significant recommendations on how to proceed. Ever wonder what those task forces came up with? Come to this session and hear updates on state task forces dealing with the forestry industry, sewage facilities in small communities, and agriculture and resource-based industries.

Regional Transportation

*Friday, October 26
11 a.m. to Noon*

The lack of transportation services in rural communities is one of the biggest barriers to obtaining health care, employment, education and other services. Come hear how Garrett County integrated its resources and developed one of the most comprehensive regional transportation services in the state.

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2001 Maryland Rural Summit: Agenda of Activities & Workshops

Thursday, October 25, 2001

10 to 11 a.m.:

FORVM Working Committee on Housing; Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Sewers Meet.

11 to 11:50 a.m.

Annual Meetings of the FORVM, FORVM Foundation and the Maryland Rural Health Association.

1 to 1:50 p.m.:

Overview of Business Development Programs. Marlene Elliott, State Director, U.S.D.A - Rural Development; Brad Powers, MD Department of Agriculture; and Mikal McCartney, Executive Director, Microenterprise Council of MD

OR

Identifying & Eliminating Health Care Disparities. Richard Matens, Deputy Director, UM School of Medicine.

2 to 2:50 p.m.:

Update on Task Forces Studying Rural Issues. Chairmen Bob Perciasepe (invited) on Sewage Facilities, Gary Allen on Forestry, and Sen. Mac Middleton on Ag & Resource-Based Industries.

OR

Panel on Innovative Approaches to Dental Care Access: Moderator: Harry Goodman, Director, Office of Oral Health.

3:15 to 4:05:

Introducing the Governor's Office of Smart Growth. Secretary Harriett Tregoning.

OR

Financing the Education of Future Health Professionals: Ann Chester, HISTA Director, University of West Virginia

4:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Rural Town Hall Meeting & Legislative Forum

Led by Maryland House of Delegates Speaker Casper R. Taylor, Jr.

5:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

7 p.m.

Rural Awards Dinner

with DHMH Secretary Dr. Georges Benjamin. Entertainment by Shawn Craver and Matt Pederson of Garrett County. (See below)

Friday, October 26, 2001

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Plenary

Making Sense of the Census & the Impact of Poverty on Rural Health Care and Economic Development
Mark Lettre, Assistant Director, Maryland Department of Planning; Bonnie Braun, University of Maryland.

9:45 to 10:45

E-Readiness in Rural Maryland and Network Maryland Update. Presenters: Renee Winsky of TEDCO; Preston Dillard, Deputy CIO, Maryland Department of Budget and Management.

Or

Maryland Flex Program. Presenter: Sheldon Weisgrau, Rural Health Consultant, Lawrence, Kansas.

11 a.m. to Noon

Integrated Approaches to Regional Transportation in Rural Maryland. Presenter: Loring Young, Garrett County Community Action Agency.

Optional Canal Place Tour. (See box below)

Mountain music with a Celtic Flair: Western Marylanders to Entertain at Summit Reception & Dinner



A native of Garrett County, **Shawn Craver** is one of traditional music's rising stars. During the past 18 months, he has recorded two national CD releases with much critical acclaim and has been dubbed "a genuine carrier of the Appalachian music tradition." His singing and guitar playing have been played on radio stations from California to West Virginia, Australia and the British Isles. Performing with Shawn Craver at this year's Rural Summit will be Cumberland's 24 year old super picker **Matt Pederson**. Shawn and Matt's stylings of guitar, mandolin and banjo have been described as "Mountain music with a Celtic flair!"

Canal Place Heritage Area: Don't want to go home just yet!

Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us at Canal Place Heritage Area (www.canalplace.org), just six miles from Rocky Gap, for a box lunch in the restored train station while hearing an orientation presentation on the Canal Place Preservation District, which surrounds the western terminus of the C&O Canal and where one of the most significant heritage tourism projects in the state is underway. Then take a walking tour of the area and see the on-going construction of a \$1.8 million pedestrian walkway that will be under construction. There is no fee for this Mobile Workshop but registration is required and limited!

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Three FORVM Members Graduate from Academy

Three FORVM members were among the June 2001 graduates of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, a training program for local government officials and staff conducted by the Institute for Governmental Service at the University of Maryland (in conjunction with MML and MaCO). Seventy municipal and county elected and appointed officials received certificates for their accomplishments. Among them were FORVM Board members: **Linda Chelton**, administrative director, Town of Berlin; **Phyllis Kilby**, Cecil County Commissioner; and past FORVM Board member **L. Russell Molnar**, Wicomico County Council President. This was the second graduation of fellows from the Academy. Last year, 33 fellows received certificates. Currently 324 additional people are enrolled in the program.



The FORVM for Rural Maryland attends several conferences every year and we recently updated our display so you'll be able to recognize us better. If you see us, come say hello and let us tell you what we're working on. See you then!

Conway appointed to State House leadership

House Speaker Casper R. Taylor Jr. appointed **Delegate Norman H. Conway** (D-38-Lower Shore), to an at-large seat on the senior leadership group of the Maryland House of Delegates. Conway replaces Delegate Ron Guns (D-36-Cecil) who recently resigned. Conway is chair of the Eastern Shore Delegation.

"Norm's expertise and perspective on issues affecting the Eastern Shore jurisdictions will make him a good voice on Shore issues in our leadership team discussions," said Taylor.

Conway currently serves as vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee and chair of that committee's Capital Budget Subcommittee.



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